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C O N F I D E N T I A L TRIPOLI 0378

E. OU 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, PINS, LY

SUBJECT: LARAF ATTACK ON US AIRCRAFT: TACTICAL PROPOSAL

REF: TRIPOLI 0358

SUMMARY: WE REQUEST AUTHORIZATION TO SEND FOLLOW-UP
NOTE TO MFA. END SUMMARY

1. WE EXPECT THAT LARG WILL NOT RESPOND OFFICIALLY
TO OUR DEMARCHES IN WASHINGTON AND TRIPOLI RE MARCH 21
INCIDENT. PUBLIC REFERENCE TO IT MAY BE ANOTHER
MATTER (TRIPOLI 0377). QADHAFI OR SOME RCC MEMBER
IS EXPECTED TO SPEAK IN TRIPOLI MARCH 28, LOCAL
HOLIDAY COMMEMORATING EVACUATION OF UK FORCES IN 1970.
THIS IS AN "IDEAL" OCCASION FOR RCC TO PRESENT ITS
VIEWPOINT IF IT CHOOSES. IN ANY CASE, WE SEE SOME
ADVANTAGES IN BEING PREPARED TO MAKE USG POSITION
VIS-A-VIS FLIGHTS OVER HIGH SEAS, WITH PARTICULAR
REFERENCE TO LAR'S HLR 22, MATTER OF WRITTEN RECORD
WITH MFA. DEPARTMENT WILL RECALL THAT OUR EARLIER
DEMARCHES TO LIBYAN DGCA RE HLR 22 WERE VERBAL ONLY
(TRIPOLI 1796 AND 207). IT POSSIBLE THAT DGCA FAILED TO
REPORT THOSE DEMARCHES FOR BENEFIT OF RCC, LARAF, MFA,
OR OTHER CONCERNED LARG AUTHORITIES, OR TO MAKE THEM
A MATTER OF RECORD.

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2. SHOULD QADHAFI OR ANOTHER RCC MEMBER PUBLICLY DEFEND
LARAF ACT TOMORROW AND ASSUMING MFA DOES NOT CALL US IN BY COB
MARCH 30, WE RECOMMEND WE BE AUTHORIZED TO SEND FOLLOW- UP
NOTE. PROPOSED TEXT (UNNECESSARY WORDS OMITTED) PARA 2.
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